GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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CONTROL LIST OF DRUGS
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to remove all new drugs, vaccines both drugs and veterinary products from the control list ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ;

(c) the number of drugs and formulation in the present control list ; and

(d) the number of drugs are now under price list ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (d) : Government have recently announced the `Pharmaceutical Policy- 2002`.The policy provides for identifying the drugs for price regulation out of the basket of the items appearing in the National Essential Drug List andthose considered important from the point of view of their use in various Health Programmes, in emergency care etc., with the exclusion therefrom ofsera & vaccines, blood products, combinations etc. Further, a manufacturer producing a new drug patented under the Indian Patent Act, 1970, and not produced elsewhere, if developed through indigenous R&D, would be eligible for exemption from price control in respect of that drug for a period of 15 years from the date of commencement of its commercial production in the country. Presently, 74 bulk drugs, as mentioned in the First Schedule of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order,1995, and formulations based thereon, are under price control.